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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 29 May 2003. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter formerly defined in Claim 5 therein, and Claim 5 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over Charlier, U.S. Patent #5,153,590, in view of Danish, et al., U.S. Patent #4,567,469. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over Charlier, Danish, et al., and further in view of Niot, U.S. Patent #5,831,556. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base Claim and any intervening CLAIMS.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter formerly defined in Claim 5 therein. Therefore, Claim 5 has been effectively rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base Claim, Claim 1, and any intervening Claims, which there were none. Thus, Claim 1 should now be allowable. Further, the Claims dependent on Claim 1 should also be allowable for at least the same reasons.

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It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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